

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-28 are pending in the application. Claim 16 was canceled via Examiner's Amendment. Claims 1, 2, 17, and 23 are the only independent claims.

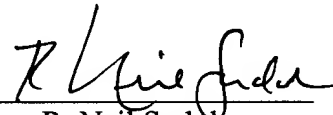
The present Amendment is submitted to correct a typographical error appearing in each of claims 24-28.

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Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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